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SONIC SPEEDY HEDGEHOG
WINGS OF FIRE
Part One: SLOW BURN
OW! OW! OW!
HOLD ON, BUDDY! I'M COMING!
SILVER SONIC SUPER BADNIK AND HORDE COMMANDER
BIG NOT HAVING FUN
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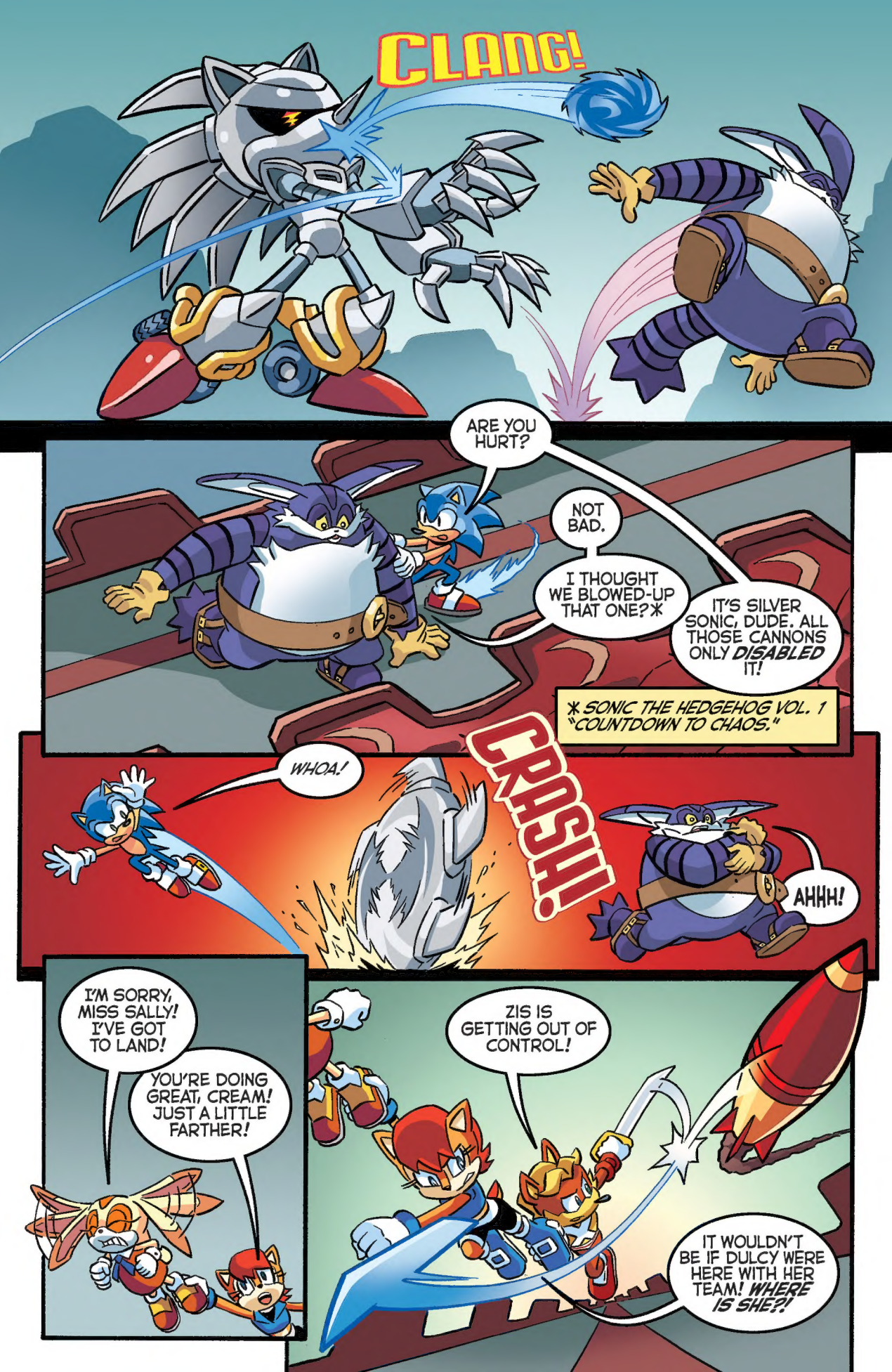
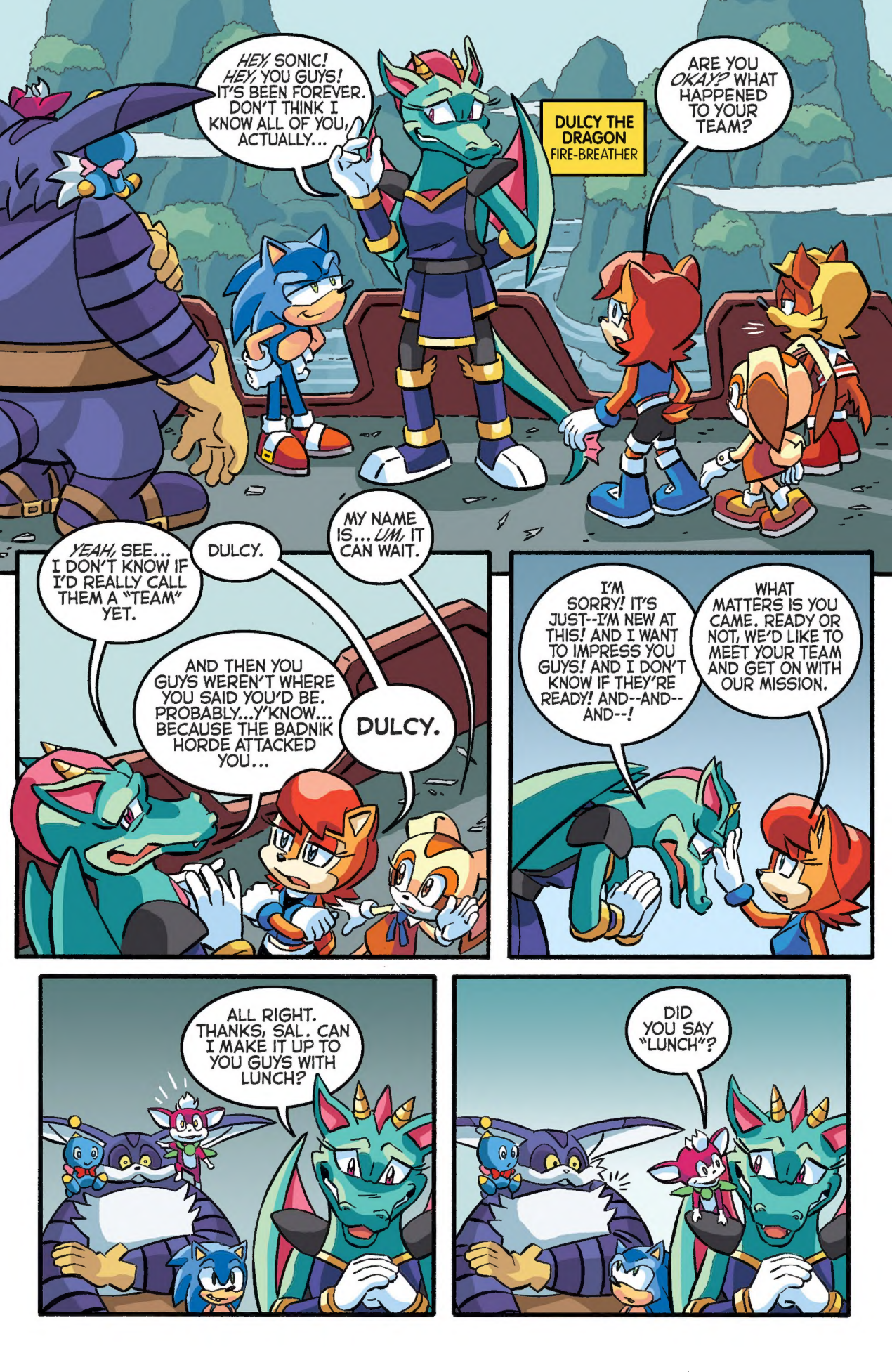
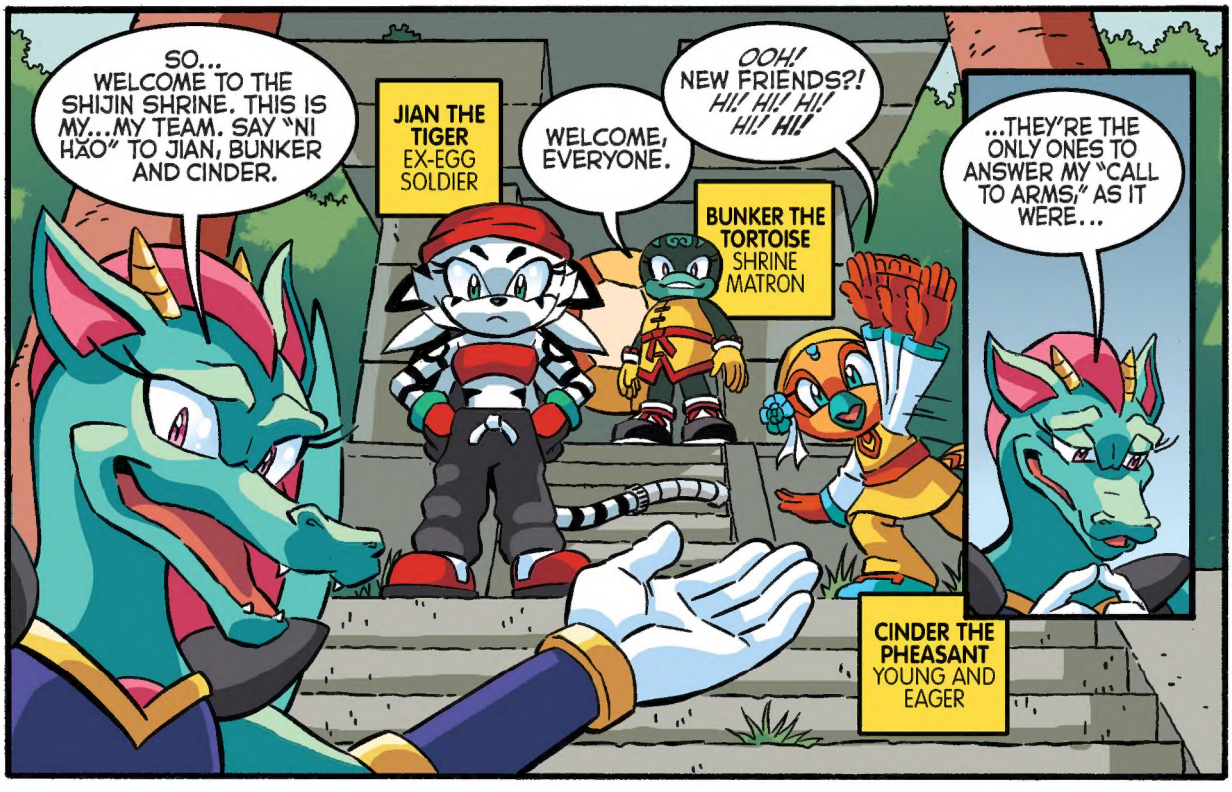
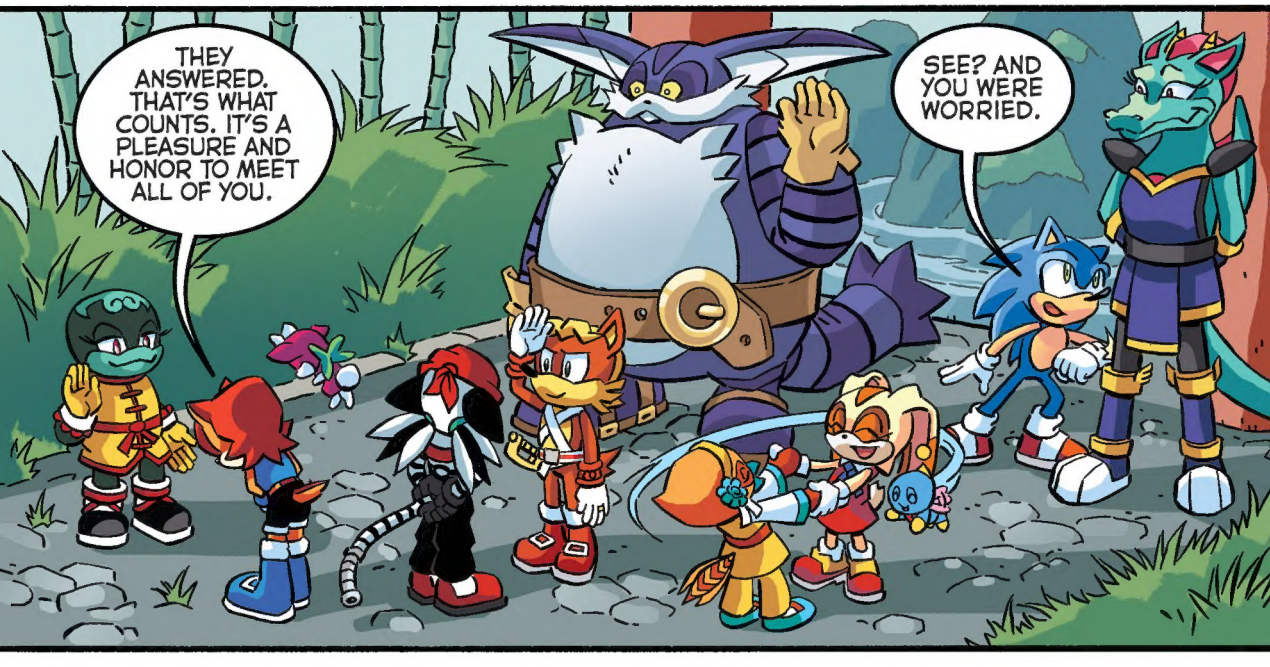

CLANG!
ARE YOU HURT?
NOT BAD.
I THOUGHT WE BLOWED-UP THAT ONE?*
IT'S SILVER SONIC, DUDE. ALL THOSE CANNONS ONLY DISABLED IT!
* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1 "COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS."
WHOA!
CRASH!
AHHH!
I'M SORRY, MISS SALLY! I'VE GOT TO LAND!
YOU'RE DOING GREAT, CREAM! JUST A LITTLE FARTHER!
ZIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL!
IT WOULDN'T BE IF DULCY WERE HERE WITH HER TEAM! WHERE IS SHE?!

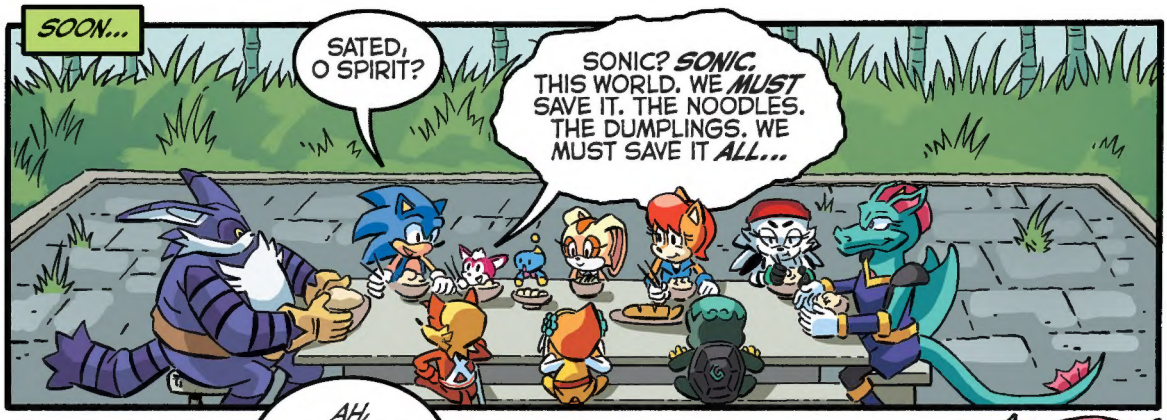
BWOOSH!
BWOOSH!
WHUD!
...DID I GET HIM?
MORE LIKE TICKED HIM OFF, BUT IT'LL DO FOR NOW. *HEY,* DULCY.

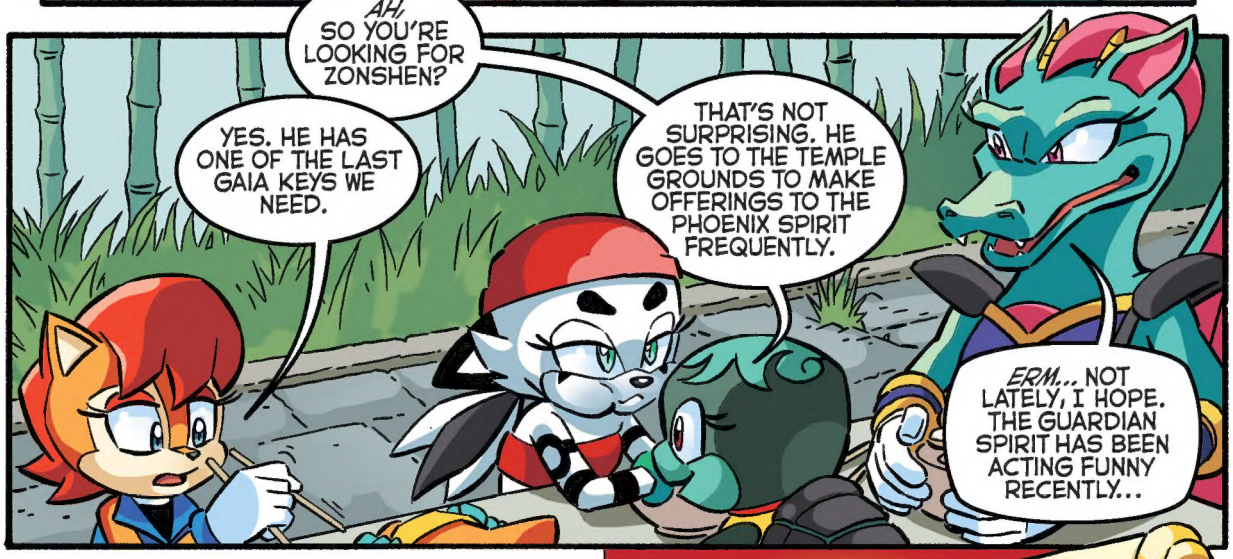

HEY, SONIC! HEY, YOU GUYS! IT'S BEEN FOREVER. DON'T THINK I KNOW ALL OF YOU, ACTUALLY...
DULCY THE DRAGON FIRE-BREATHER
ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR TEAM?
YEAH, SEE... I DON'T KNOW IF I'D REALLY CALL THEM A "TEAM" YET.
DULCY.
MY NAME IS... UM, IT CAN WAIT.
AND THEN YOU GUYS WEREN'T WHERE YOU SAID YOU'D BE. PROBABLY...Y'KNOW... BECAUSE THE BADNIK HORDE ATTACKED YOU...
DULCY.
I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST--I'M NEW AT THIS! AND I WANT TO IMPRESS YOU GUYS! AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE READY! AND--AND--AND--!
WHAT MATTERS IS YOU CAME. READY OR NOT, WE'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR TEAM AND GET ON WITH OUR MISSION.
ALL RIGHT. THANKS, SAL. CAN I MAKE IT UP TO YOU GUYS WITH LUNCH?
DID YOU SAY "LUNCH"?

SHIJIN SHRINE...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE, GUYS! PROMISE!

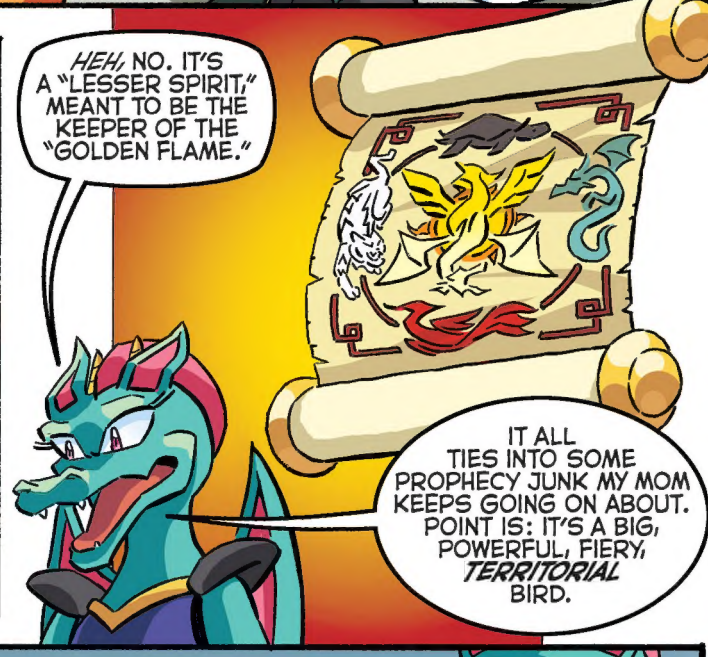

SO... WELCOME TO THE SHIJIN SHRINE. THIS IS MY...MY TEAM. SAY "NI HǍO" TO JIAN, BUNKER AND CINDER.
JIAN THE TIGER EX-EGG SOLDIER
WELCOME, EVERYONE.
OOH! NEW FRIENDS?! HI! HI! HI! HI! HI!
BUNKER THE TORTOISE SHRINE MATRON
...THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES TO ANSWER MY "CALL TO ARMS," AS IT WERE...
CINDER THE PHEASANT YOUNG AND EAGER


THEY ANSWERED. THAT'S WHAT COUNTS. IT'S A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO MEET ALL OF YOU.
SEE? AND YOU WERE WORRIED.


SOON...
SATED, O SPIRIT?
SONIC? SONIC, THIS WORLD. WE MUST SAVE IT. THE NOODLES. THE DUMPLINGS. WE MUST SAVE IT ALL...


AH, SO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ZONSHEN?
YES. HE HAS ONE OF THE LAST GAIA KEYS WE NEED.
THAT'S NOT SURPRISING. HE GOES TO THE TEMPLE GROUNDS TO MAKE OFFERINGS TO THE PHOENIX SPIRIT FREQUENTLY.
ERM... NOT LATELY, I HOPE. THE GUARDIAN SPIRIT HAS BEEN ACTING FUNNY RECENTLY...

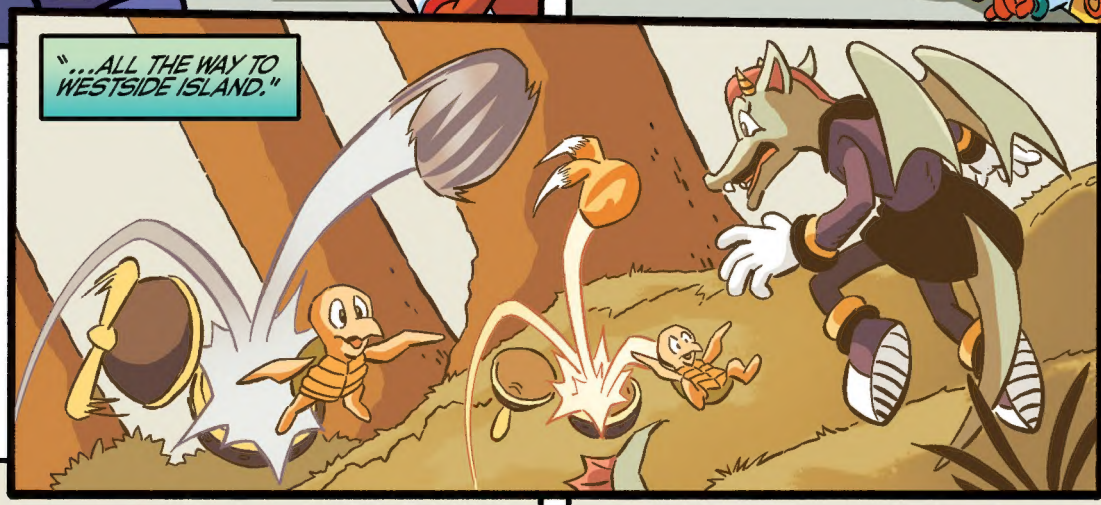
ANOTHER SPIRIT? LIKE YOU, MISTER CHIP?

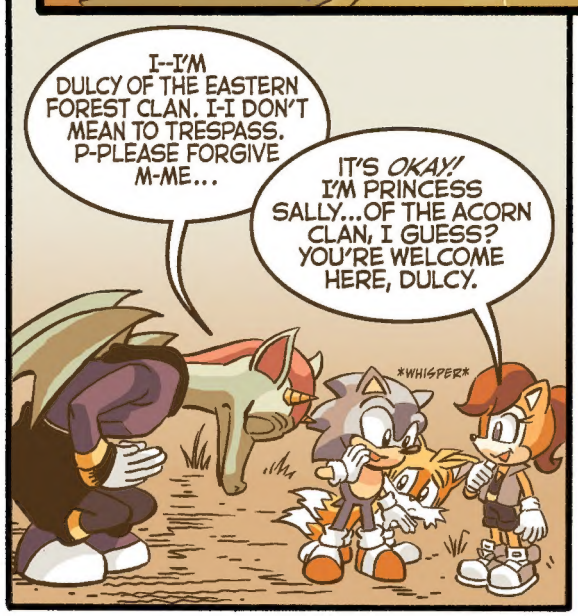

HEH, NO. IT'S A "LESSER SPIRIT," MEANT TO BE THE KEEPER OF THE "GOLDEN FLAME."
IT ALL TIES INTO SOME PROPHECY JUNK MY MOM KEEPS GOING ON ABOUT. POINT IS: IT'S A BIG, POWERFUL, FIERY, TERRITORIAL BIRD.

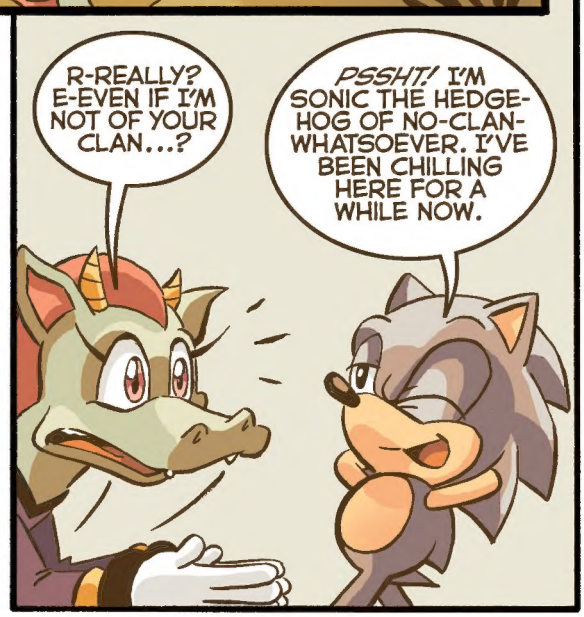
AND IT'S THE ONLY REASON THE EGG ARMY HASN'T CAPTURED THE TEMPLE.
Y-YEAH...

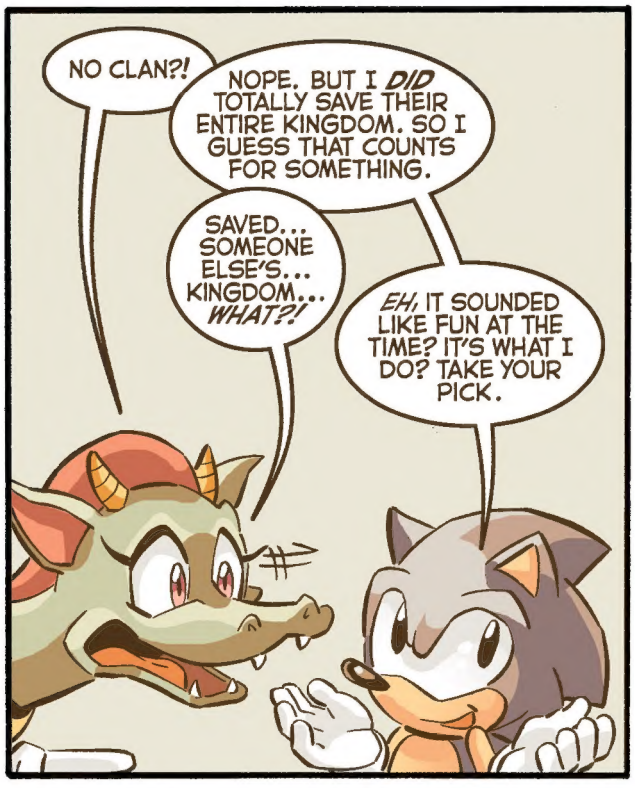
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHY DON'T MORE PEOPLE WANT TO HELP YOU?
HEY! WHERE'S THE FISH SAUCE?
BIG DRANK ZE BOTTLE.
YUMMY!

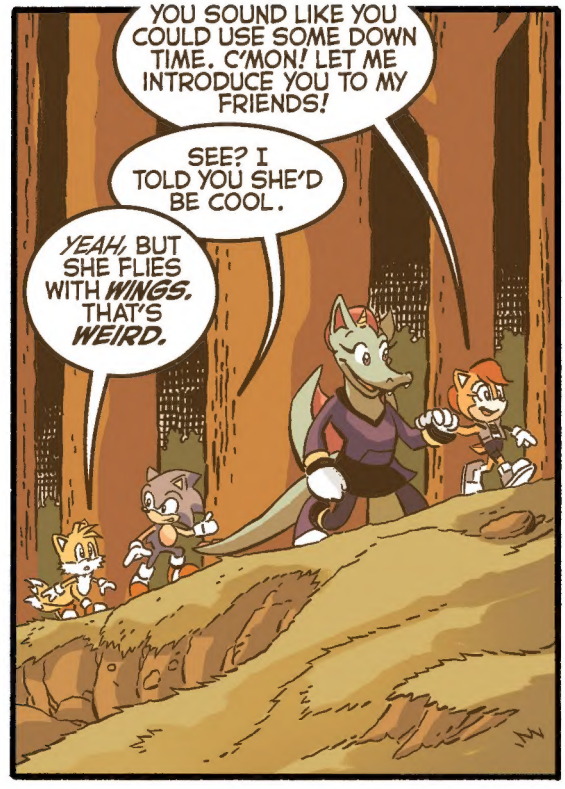
THE CLANS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING OVER TERRITORY AND IDEOLOGY FOR CENTURIES. THEY ALL AGREE DR. EGGMAN'S A THREAT, BUT THEY CAN'T AGREE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIM...
YEAH... THE SOUTHERN PYRE CLAN SURE ISN'T HAPPY I LEFT...
I HATE IT. IT'S WHAT MADE ME RUN AWAY FROM HOME YEARS AGO...


"...ALL THE WAY TO WESTSIDE ISLAND."

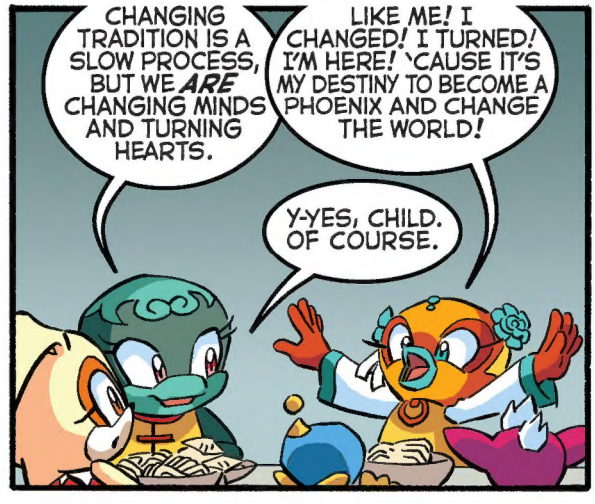

I--I'M DULCY OF THE EASTERN FOREST CLAN. I-I DON'T MEAN TO TRESPASS. P-PLEASE FORGIVE M-ME...
IT'S OKAY! I'M PRINCESS SALLY...OF THE ACORN CLAN, I GUESS? YOU'RE WELCOME HERE, DULCY.
WHISPER


R-REALLY? E-EVEN IF I'M NOT OF YOUR CLAN...?
PSSHT! I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG OF NO-CLAN-WHATSOEVER. I'VE BEEN CHILLING HERE FOR A WHILE NOW.

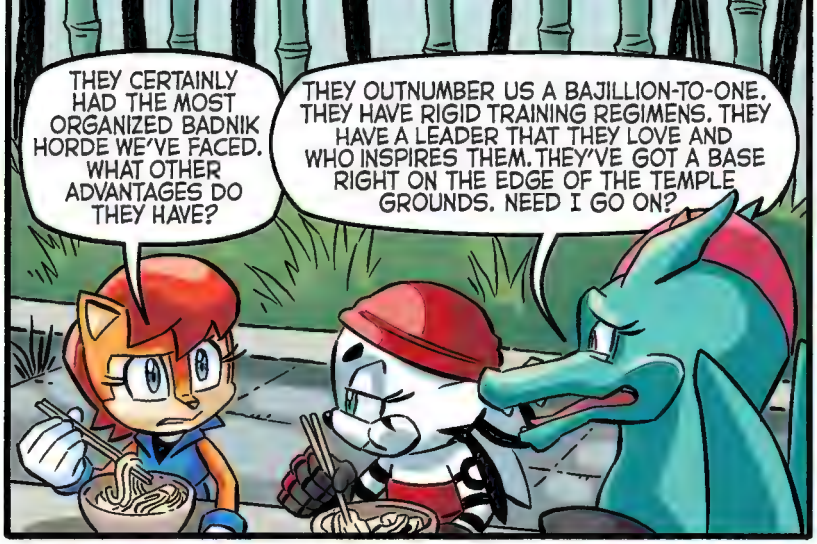

NO CLAN?!
NOPE. BUT I *DID* TOTALLY SAVE THEIR ENTIRE KINGDOM. SO I GUESS THAT COUNTS FOR SOMETHING.
SAVED... SOMEONE ELSE'S... KINGDOM... *WHAT?!*
EH, IT SOUNDED LIKE FUN AT THE TIME? IT'S WHAT I DO? TAKE YOUR PICK.

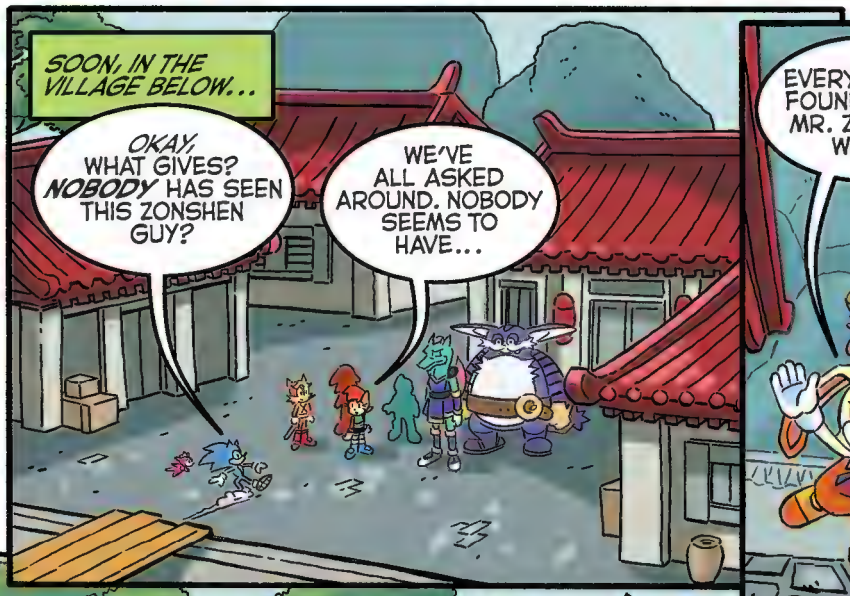

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU COULD USE SOME DOWN TIME. C'MON! LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIENDS!
SEE? I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE COOL.
YEAH, BUT SHE FLIES WITH *WINGS.* THAT'S *WEIRD.*

THEY SHOWED ME WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE WHEN YOU PICK YOUR FRIENDS BY WHO THEY ARE, NOT WHERE THEY COME FROM. THEY TAUGHT ME THE COURAGE TO COME HOME AND TRY TO CHANGE SOME MINDS.
REMEMBER BACK THEN, 'TWAN? GOOD TIMES.
I AM REMEMBERING HER SNEEZING AND SETTING MY HAIR ON FIRE.
GOOD TIMES.


CHANGING TRADITION IS A SLOW PROCESS, BUT WE *ARE* CHANGING MINDS AND TURNING HEARTS.
LIKE ME! I CHANGED! I TURNED! I'M HERE! 'CAUSE IT'S MY DESTINY TO BECOME A PHOENIX AND CHANGE THE WORLD!
Y-YES, CHILD. OF COURSE.

YES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE SWIFTEST CHANGE HAS BEEN TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR ENEMIES.
THE EGG CLAN PREACHES UNITY THROUGH STRENGTH. ALL ARE WELCOME SO LONG AS THEY WORK HARD. IT'S WHAT DREW ME IN INITIALLY.





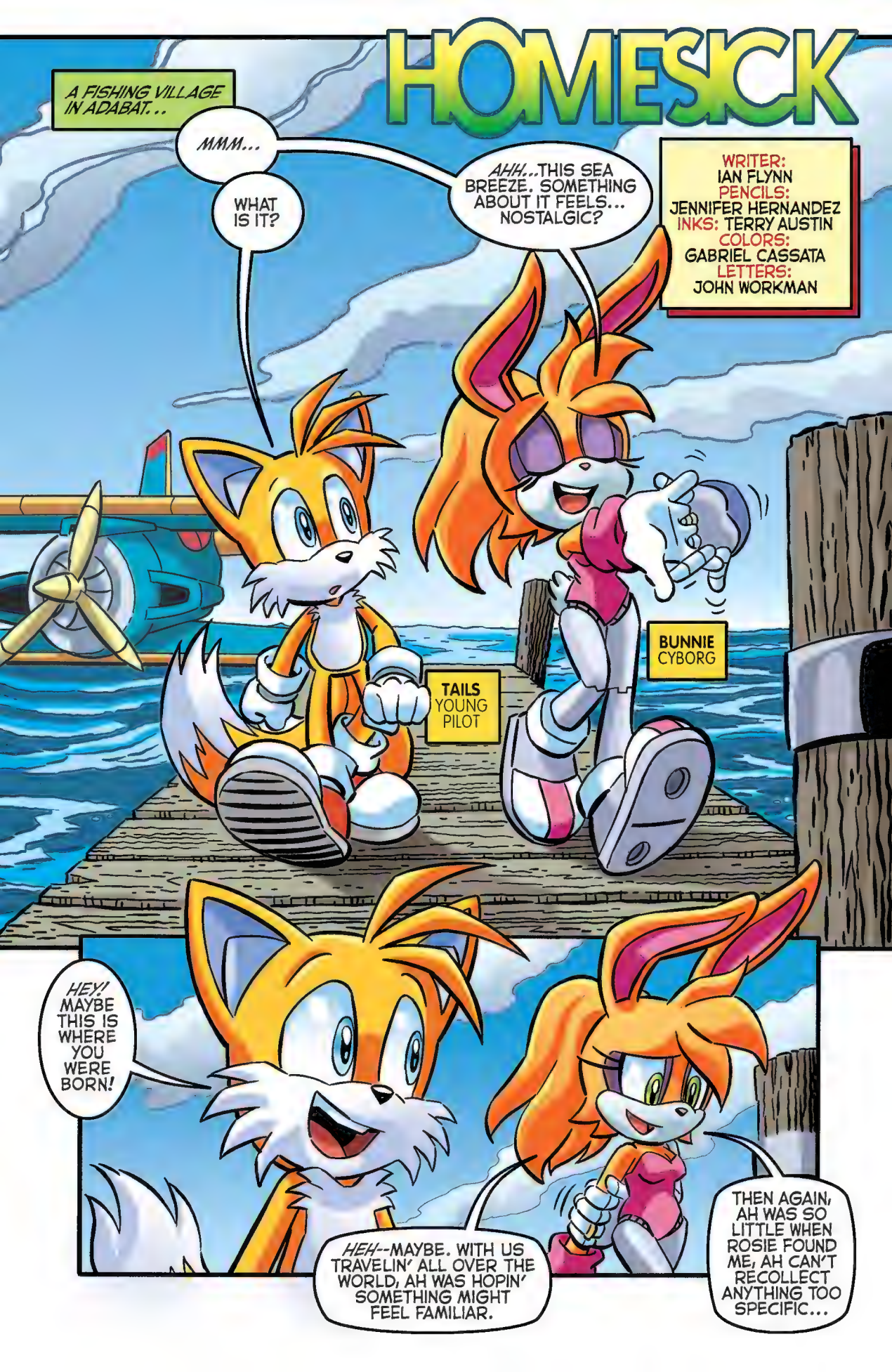
THE PLACE THAT'S GUARDED BY THE EGG ARMY AND A CRANKY PHOENIX?

UH-HUH. SO MUCH FOR BEING "SIMPLE."

YEAH, WELL, "SIMPLE" IS BORING.

WE'VE SAVED GAIA GUARDIANS BEFORE! WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

MEANWHILE, AT THE EGG BASE...
CONQUERING STORM
REGIONAL EGG BOSS
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE VILLAGE, MASTER. THEY'VE BEEN JOINED BY DULCY'S TEAM.
THEY MUST BE COMING FOR THE GAIA TEMPLE...
EXCELLENT. LET THEM PASS, JUST LIKE THE OLD MAN THIS MORNING.
"WE'LL LET THE CORRUPTED SPIRIT DESTROY THEM FOR US."
SKREEEEEEEE!
SONIC AND DULCY'S TEAMS ARE HEADING RIGHT FOR A TRAP!
BUT IF THEY DON'T, THE WORLD CANNOT BE SAVED!
WHAT'S A HEROIC HEDGEHOG TO DO?
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR THE FIERY CONCLUSION!


HOMESICK
A FISHING VILLAGE IN ADABAT...
MMM...
WHAT IS IT?
AHH...THIS SEA BREEZE. SOMETHING ABOUT IT FEELS... NOSTALGIC?
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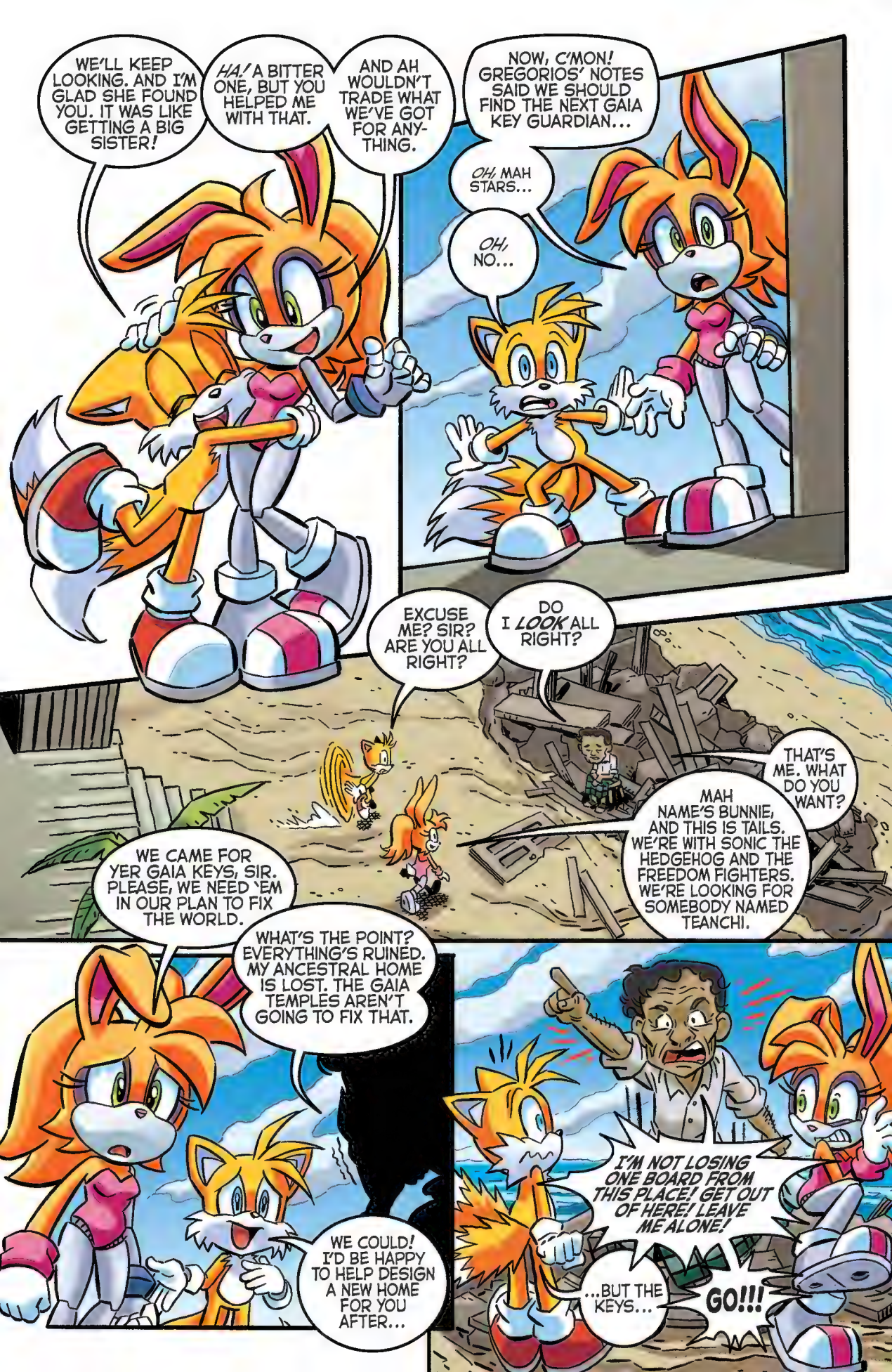
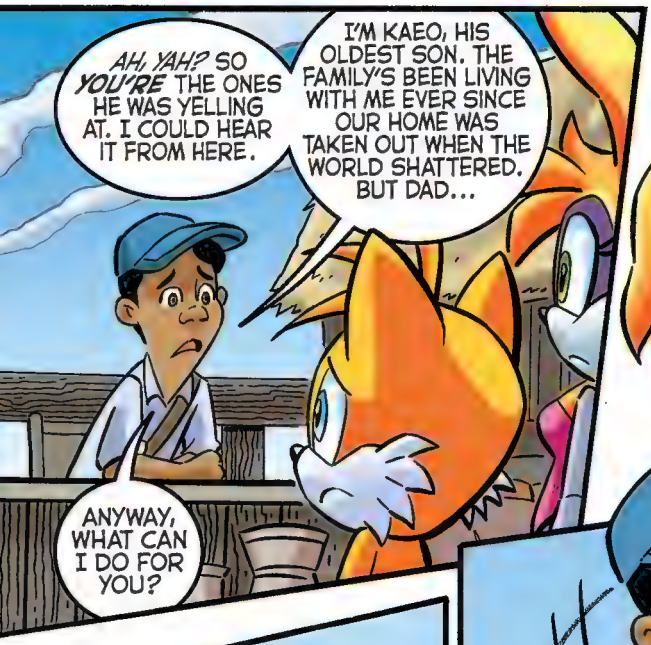
HEY! MAYBE THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE BORN!
HEH--MAYBE. WITH US TRAVELIN' ALL OVER THE WORLD, AH WAS HOPIN' SOMETHING MIGHT FEEL FAMILIAR.
THEN AGAIN, AH WAS SO LITTLE WHEN ROSIE FOUND ME, AH CAN'T RECOLLECT ANYTHING TOO SPECIFIC...


WE'LL KEEP LOOKING. AND I'M GLAD SHE FOUND YOU. IT WAS LIKE GETTING A BIG SISTER!
HA! A BITTER ONE, BUT YOU HELPED ME WITH THAT.
AND AH WOULDN'T TRADE WHAT WE'VE GOT FOR ANY-THING.
NOW, C'MON! GREGORIOS' NOTES SAID WE SHOULD FIND THE NEXT GAIA KEY GUARDIAN...
OH, MAH STARS...
OH, NO...
EXCUSE ME? SIR? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT?
THAT'S ME. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MAH NAME'S BUNNIE, AND THIS IS TAILS. WE'RE WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY NAMED TEANCHI.
WE CAME FOR YER GAIA KEYS, SIR. PLEASE, WE NEED 'EM IN OUR PLAN TO FIX THE WORLD.
WHAT'S THE POINT? EVERYTHING'S RUINED. MY ANCESTRAL HOME IS LOST. THE GAIA TEMPLES AREN'T GOING TO FIX THAT.
WE COULD! I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP DESIGN A NEW HOME FOR YOU AFTER...
I'M NOT LOSING ONE BOARD FROM THIS PLACE! GET OUT OF HERE! LEAVE ME ALONE!
...BUT THE KEYS...
GO!!!

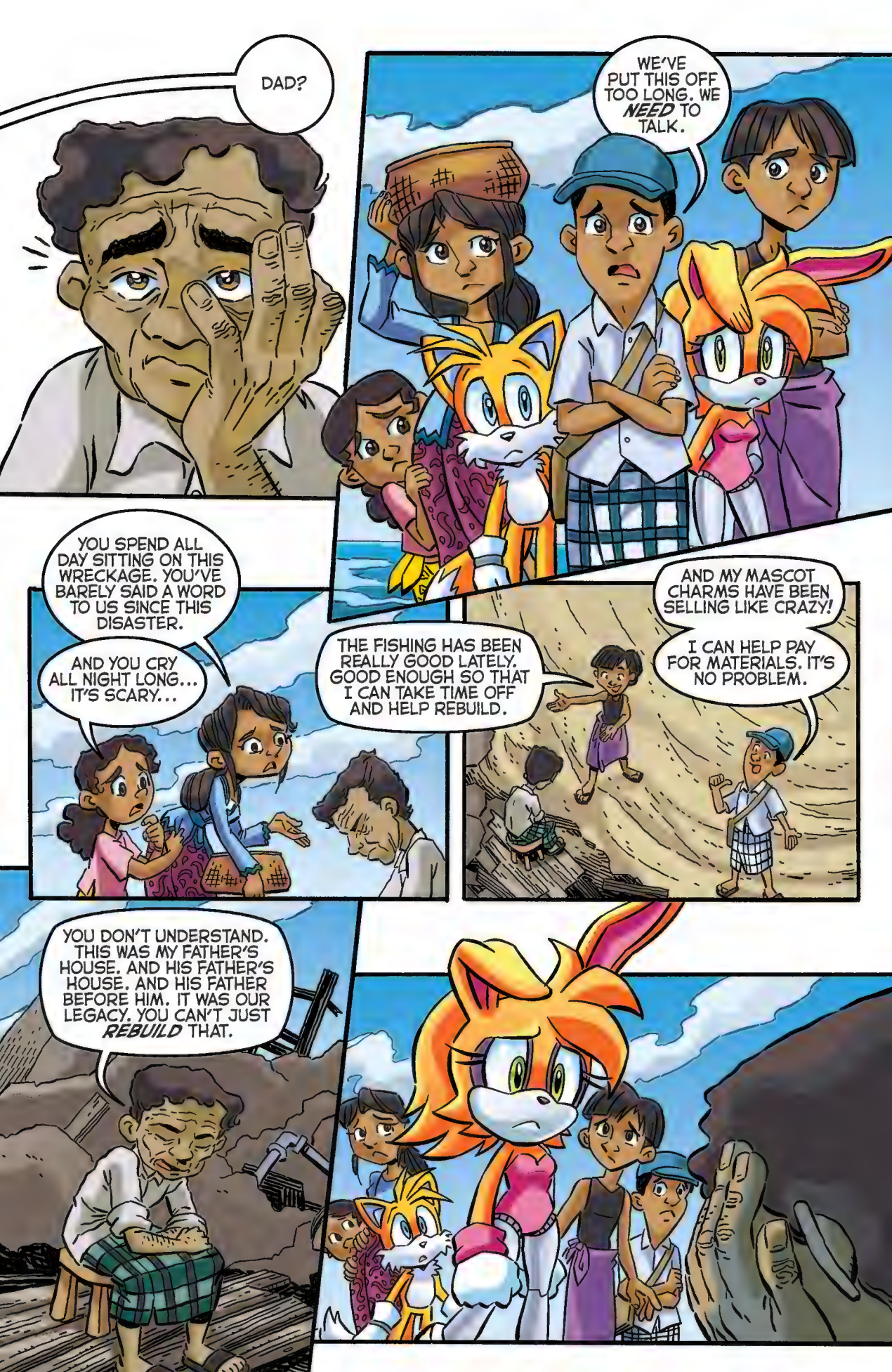
WELL, *THAT* WAS DISASTROUS. WE NEVER ACCOUNTED FOR AN UNCOOPERATIVE GUARDIAN!
AH FEEL FOR HIM, BUT WE *NEED* THOSE KEYS. MAYBE IF WE SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN HIS FAMILY...

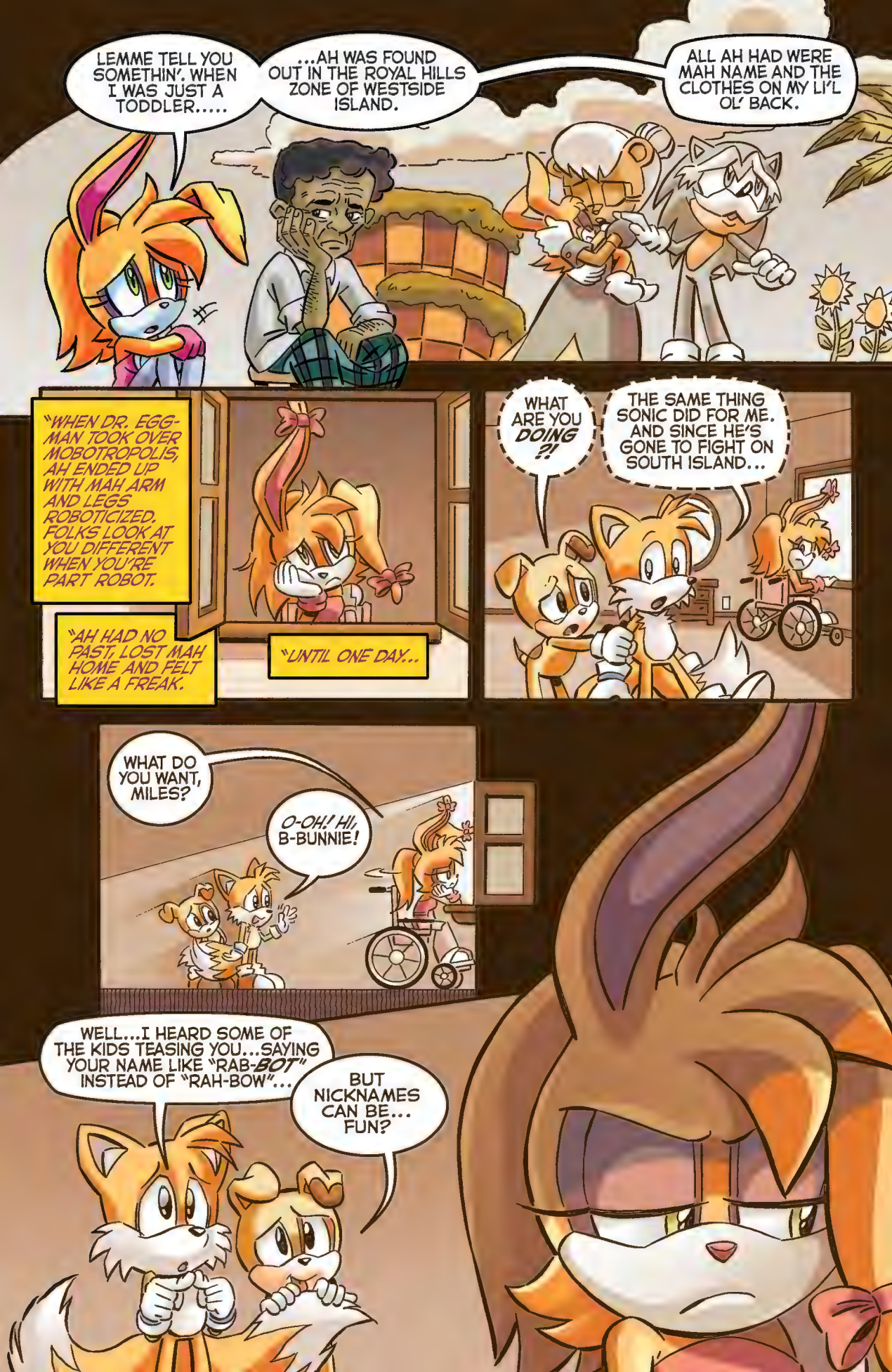
HELLO! WELCOME TO THE FLYING FISH BEACH SHOP. WHAT CAN I HELP YOU FIND TODAY?
HI! DO YOU KNOW TEANCHI? WE'RE HOPING TO TALK TO SOMEONE IN HIS FAMILY.


AH, YAH? SO *YOU'RE* THE ONES HE WAS YELLING AT. I COULD HEAR IT FROM HERE.
I'M KAEO, HIS OLDEST SON. THE FAMILY'S BEEN LIVING WITH ME EVER SINCE OUR HOME WAS TAKEN OUT WHEN THE WORLD SHATTERED. BUT DAD...
ANYWAY, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

WE'RE WITH SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE NEED SOMETHING YOUR DAD HAS TO SAVE THE WORLD, BUT...
HE AIN'T IN A HELPFUL MOOD.
COULD YOU YOU MAYBE TALK TO HIM FOR US?

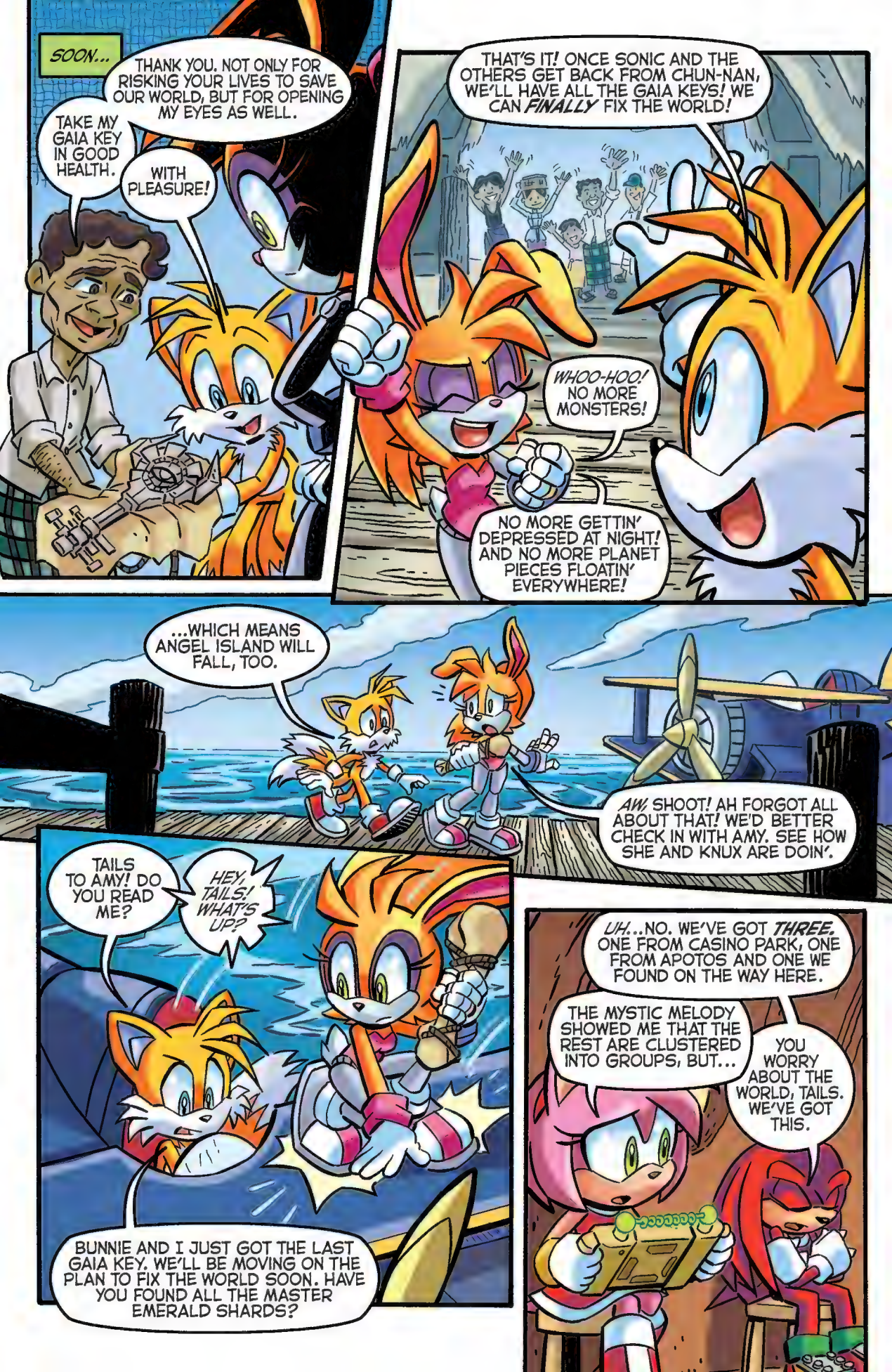
SAVE THE WORLD, *HUH?* LET'S GET THE REST OF MY FAMILY FIRST.


DAD?
WE'VE PUT THIS OFF TOO LONG. WE *NEED* TO TALK.
YOU SPEND ALL DAY SITTING ON THIS WRECKAGE. YOU'VE BARELY SAID A WORD TO US SINCE THIS DISASTER.
AND YOU CRY ALL NIGHT LONG... IT'S SCARY...
THE FISHING HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD LATELY. GOOD ENOUGH SO THAT I CAN TAKE TIME OFF AND HELP REBUILD.
AND MY MASCOT CHARMS HAVE BEEN SELLING LIKE CRAZY!
I CAN HELP PAY FOR MATERIALS. IT'S NO PROBLEM.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS WAS MY FATHER'S HOUSE. AND HIS FATHER'S HOUSE. AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM. IT WAS OUR LEGACY. YOU CAN'T JUST *REBUILD* THAT.


LEMME TELL YOU SOMETHIN'. WHEN I WAS JUST A TODDLER.....
...AH WAS FOUND OUT IN THE ROYAL HILLS ZONE OF WESTSIDE ISLAND.
ALL AH HAD WERE MAH NAME AND THE CLOTHES ON MY LI'L OL' BACK.
"WHEN DR. EGG-MAN TOOK OVER MOBOTROPOLIS, AH ENDED UP WITH MAH ARM AND LEGS ROBOTICIZED. FOLKS LOOK AT YOU DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE PART ROBOT.
"AH HAD NO PAST, LOST MAH HOME AND FELT LIKE A FREAK.
"UNTIL ONE DAY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
THE SAME THING SONIC DID FOR ME. AND SINCE HE'S GONE TO FIGHT ON SOUTH ISLAND...
WHAT DO YOU WANT, MILES?
O-OH! HI, B-BUNNIE!
WELL...I HEARD SOME OF THE KIDS TEASING YOU...SAYING YOUR NAME LIKE "RAB-BOT" INSTEAD OF "RAH-BOW"...
BUT NICKNAMES CAN BE... FUN?

I WANT YOU TO KNOW I DON'T CARE IF YOU'VE GOT ROBOT PARTS.
ROSIE TAKES CARE OF YOU, JUST LIKE ME AND BEN. SO... TO ME, THAT MAKES YOU MY BIG SISTER. AND...UM...I'M HERE FOR YOU.
THANK YOU, SUGAH. THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME.
ME, TOO! I'M HERE FOR YOU, TOO!
AND YOU, BEN.
ROSIE SAYS YOU'RE WALKING BETTER EVERY DAY.
SNIFF AH GUESS. IT STILL HURTS A BIT, THOUGH.
WELL...I'M GONNA LEARN FROM UNCLE CHUCK! AND I'LL BUILD YOU NEW LEGS THAT DON'T HURT! AND YOU'LL BE HAPPY AGAIN!
AND I'LL...TRY... TO LEARN ALL THAT STUFF, TOO!

Y'SEE WHAT AH'M GETTING AT? AH'D LOST EVERYTHING, BUT AH COULD KEEP GOIN' 'CAUSE AH HAD OTHERS TO SUPPORT ME.
YOU LOST YOUR FAMILY HOME, AND THAT'S A TERRIBLE SHAME. BUT YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR *FAMILY.* THEY'RE RIGHT HERE, WAITIN' TO HELP YOU.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE BEEN A FOOL. EVERYTHING THAT'S IMPORTANT HAS BEEN WITH ME ALL ALONG.
FORGIVE YOUR SHORTSIGHTED OLD MAN! I LOVE YOU, KIDS! YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME!
WE'LL CLEAN UP. WE'LL REBUILD. AND I'LL MAKE UP FOR WORRYING YOU ALL.
TO START, I'LL DO MY DUTY AS A KEY GUARDIAN. KAEO! WHEN THE WAVES WERE COMING, I GAVE YOU SOMETHING TO STORE IN THE VAULT.
THESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEED IT IMMEDIATELY!
I'M ON IT, DAD!


SOON...
THANK YOU. NOT ONLY FOR RISKING YOUR LIVES TO SAVE OUR WORLD, BUT FOR OPENING MY EYES AS WELL.
TAKE MY GAIA KEY IN GOOD HEALTH.
WITH PLEASURE!
THAT'S IT! ONCE SONIC AND THE OTHERS GET BACK FROM CHUN-NAN, WE'LL HAVE ALL THE GAIA KEYS! WE CAN FINALLY FIX THE WORLD!
WHOO-HOO! NO MORE MONSTERS!
NO MORE GETTIN' DEPRESSED AT NIGHT! AND NO MORE PLANET PIECES FLOATIN' EVERYWHERE!
...WHICH MEANS ANGEL ISLAND WILL FALL, TOO.
AW, SHOOT! AH FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT! WE'D BETTER CHECK IN WITH AMY. SEE HOW SHE AND KNUX ARE DOIN'.
TAILS TO AMY! DO YOU READ ME?
HEY, TAILS! WHAT'S UP?
BUNNIE AND I JUST GOT THE LAST GAIA KEY. WE'LL BE MOVING ON THE PLAN TO FIX THE WORLD SOON. HAVE YOU FOUND ALL THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS?
UH...NO. WE'VE GOT THREE, ONE FROM CASINO PARK, ONE FROM APOTOS AND ONE WE FOUND ON THE WAY HERE.
THE MYSTIC MELODY SHOWED ME THAT THE REST ARE CLUSTERED INTO GROUPS, BUT...
YOU WORRY ABOUT THE WORLD, TAILS. WE'VE GOT THIS.

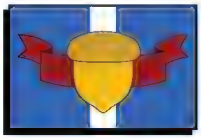
NOT THAT I'M GIVING UP, BUT THIS IS GOING TO BE *CLOSE...*
WE'LL MAKE IT WORK. IT JUST MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO STRIKE THE EGG BASE AND GET THOSE TWO SHARDS I'VE DETECTED *TONIGHT.*
YOU TWO SURE YOU'RE UP FOR IT?
KNUX, WHEN HAVE I *EVER* PASSED UP A CHALLENGE?
NEXT TIME: KNUCKLES & MIGHTY--REUNITED! *NUFF SAID!*
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS THE EGGMAN ACTION IN SONIC UNIVERSE, AND ALL THE SONIC ADVENTURES IN THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

The World of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic and the **Freedom Fighters** have traveled the world while trying to bring an end to the **Shattered World Crisis! Here's an overview of some of the settlements they've visited...**

Mobotropolis

Where: Westside Island, Acorn Archipelago
When: STH Vol. 1 "Countdown to Chaos"



The capital of the **Kingdom of Acorn**! Nestled in the **Royal Hills Zone**, this beautiful city enjoys a perfect balance of modern technology and nature.

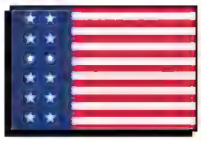
Meropis

Where: Great Blue Realm, Northern Oceans
When: STH #260-263 "Waves of Change"

An **underwater city** that's trying to find its way back onto the world stage. It's protected thanks to the blessings from the nearby **Eusebes Shrine**.

Empire City

Where: United Federation, Northamer
When: STH #268-271 "Champions"



An economic hub with almost as many skyscrapers as citizens! It's home to **Casino Park**, part of the **Breeze Media network** and **Honey Brand clothing**.

Apotos

Where: United Federation, Southern Eurish
When: STH #272 "A Ray of Hope"

A quiet, little coastal city known for its windmills, old architecture and sundaes! It's secretly the hiding place of the mystical **Gaia Gate**.

Holoska

Where: United Federation, Artika
When: STH #276 "Cold Hearted"

Nestled among the **glaciers** and **permafrost** is this village built and maintained traditionally by its native inhabitants. It may be cold, but they make it cozy!

Shamar

Where: United Federation, Midesta
When: STH #278-279 "Face of the Enemy"

A bustling town in the middle of the **desert**! It boasts many forms of textiles and teas, and is home to one of **Professor Pickle's** offices abroad.

Mazuri

Where: United Federation, Efrika
When: STH #280 "Keys to Victory"

This small village practices ancestral customs in the shadow of the massive **Holy Tree**. Nearby is a sprawling city rich in the same cultural heritage.

Spagonia

Where: United Federation, Southern Eurish
When: STH #280 "A Special Occasion"

A tightly clustered city connected by winding streets and hiding a vast **labyrinth** below. A massive **aqueduct wall** protected it from invaders in the past. It's home to the world-famous **Spagonia University.**

Chun-Nan

Where: United Federation, Central Yurashia
When: STH #281-282 "Wings of Fire"

An ancient town nestled between tall mountains, fed by numerous waterfalls. It hosts the **Gaia Phoenix**, one of the few powerful spirits still in the world.

Adabat

Where: United Federation, Southern Oceans
When: STH #281 "Homesick"

Built right on the water, this **tropical village** of stilt houses thrives on fishing and tourism. Hidden in the jungles nearby are **massive ruins** of a civilization long since passed.

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that "conquers" the field by "storm!"

Finally! At long last, the character return we've ALL been waiting for: ***DULCY IS BACK!*** That's right, **Dulcy the Dragon** has returned with an all-new look and an all-new crew of Freedom Fighters under her wing!

We wanted to show that Dulcy is certainly not the same timid dragon we've seen before, but a mighty warrior who can hold her own! While her confidence may still be a bit shaky from time to time, she'll do all she can to protect her home and to help **Sonic** save the world. See below for some concept artwork by yours truly!

BELOW: The new design for **Dulcy the Dragon**, leader of the **Chun-Nan Freedom Fighters**!

This issue also marks the return of the deadly yet cool lynx, **Conquering Storm!** We know she's been a fan favorite for a while and we're super stoked to have her back in this story arc!

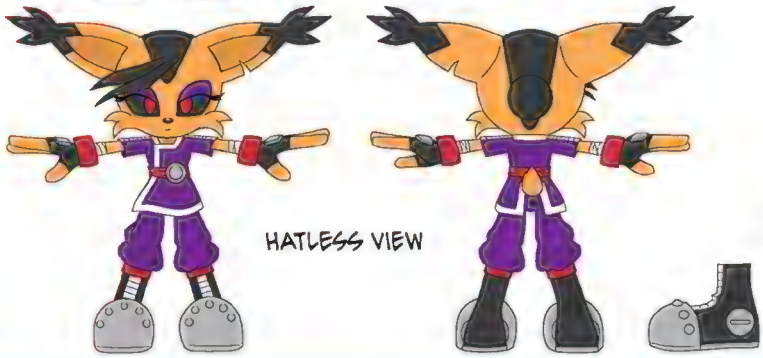
Check out CS's updated design by writer and artist **Aleah Baker!** Aleah has lent her talents in designing and updating many faces of the Sonic comic universe, and she's done an amazing job!

Well, that's all for now! Later!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

BELOW: The updated design for **Conquering Storm**, the Egg Boss of the **Chun-Nan** region!

- REWORKED TO BE MORE IN-LINE WITH NICOLE/ELLIDY AND SEGA STYLE
- OUTFIT SIMPLIFIED/MADE EGGMAN-THEMED
- ANGLED MARKINGS ON EARS
- NOTCH CUT OUT OF LEFT EAR
- EARS FORCED DOWN BY STRAW HAT
- STRIPE DOWN MIDDLE OF HEAD -- FITS WITH THE OTHER LYNX CHARACTERS HAVING BLACK MARKINGS
- BUN AT BACK OF HEAD TIED WITH A THICK RED BAND
- REINFORCED METAL ON GLOVES/BOOTS
- GLOVE CUFFS ARE RIDGID
- EYES ARE STILL CYBERNETIC BUT SIMPLIFIED, MATCHES CASSIA
- AVERAGE HEIGHT



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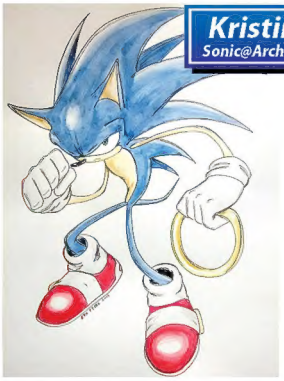

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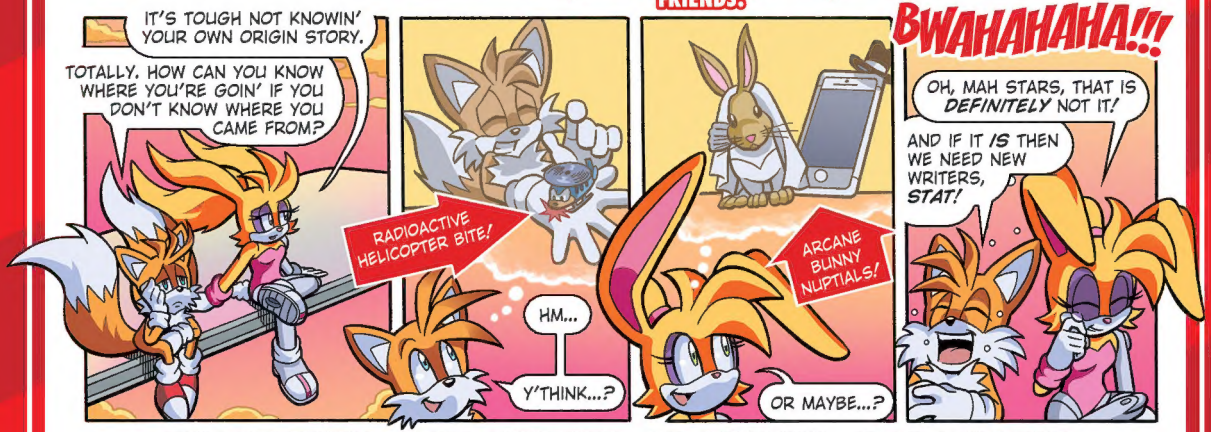

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Dear 'Sonic Grams,
Will Cream and Cheese have their own adventure (*either here or in Sonic Universe*) during the Shattered World Crisis? It seems like they haven't had a major role to play since their time with Amy and Blaze.

Cream and Cheese have mostly been on the sidelines since their adventure on Blaze's world, but don't fret if you've been missing them! They'll have a very important contribution to the conclusion of the Shattered World Saga! Still, we don't have any immediate plans to give the duo their own solo adventure. Is that something you readers would like to see? Write in and let us know!

Second, with the exception of the people of Meropis and Sonic, it feels like we haven't seen any [physical or emotional] effects of Dark Gaia Energy on the rest of the world's populace. Will that change before the Crisis ends? Thanks!

Ray H. Jr. sent to
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Thanks for the thoughtful letter, Ray!

The "Keys to Victory" arc has been all about showing how the Shattered World Crisis has affected the everyday lives of the people living across the planet.

It's not exactly breathing Dark Gaia gas or appropriating Dark Gaia energy for nefarious purposes, but the hope here is that doing this introduces a relatable, human element to a very bad situation. I hope that answers your question!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,
Hello! My name is Victor. I am 16 and from Georgia and I am a big Sonic fan. *Sonic the Hedgehog* 2 is my favorite game!

Hiya, Victor! Nice to meet ya!

I've been a Sonic fan for a while but I just recently got into the comics and they are great! I also have a few questions I would like to ask. I was wondering when we will see Shadow again? He is my second favorite character!

Shadow's been a semi-regular in our companion comic book, Sonic Universe, for a while now. As a matter of fact, he'll be playing a huge role in the resolution of the Shattered World Saga in that very book! How? You'll have to see for yourself once "Eggman's Dozen" is complete and "Shattered" begins!

Also, I know this isn't related to the comic books but when will we hear more news on the *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie? That is all the questions I have for now thanks for reading this email!

Victor F.
from **Georgia**

As far as the status of the Sonic movie goes, that's a question for SEGA and Hollywood! But—as far as the Sonic comic is concerned—we can certainly answer all of those questions! And hey, maybe the movie will get a comic tie-in! One can dream!

And on that note it looks I've officially run out of room! C'est la vie! Be here next issue for the thrilling conclusion of "Wings of Fire!" Love, peace and chicken grease, y'all! We out.

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